

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

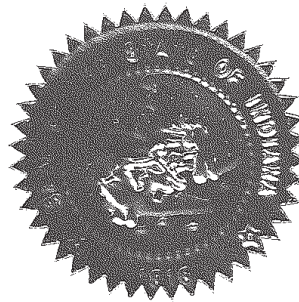
- WHEREAS,** lead poisoning is a significant, environmentally-related health problem facing our state, and Indiana is dedicated to the protection of the health of all Hoosier children; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana has adopted the Healthy People 2020 goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning; and
- WHEREAS,** lead-contaminated paint, dust, and soil are commonly found in older homes, specifically pre-1978 built homes, and are the primary sources of lead exposure for children; and
- WHEREAS,** lead poisoning, which is an increased level of lead in the blood, is especially dangerous for children under 7 years of age, even at relatively low levels, and causes serious, irreversible health effects; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that older housing units and childcare facilities in Indiana are tested and identified for lead hazards; and
- WHEREAS,** it is vital that all Hoosiers, especially parents, child caregivers, and health care providers, are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure; and
- WHEREAS,** increased awareness of childhood lead poisoning is critically imperative, so that parents, child caregivers, health care providers, housing authorities, building and construction interests, educators, and others can work to prevent children from being exposed to lead in the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana has developed guidelines for screening children, managing lead poisoning cases, and treating lead poisoning, all of which help to ensure appropriate identification and care of children with elevated blood lead levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2013 as**

## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 24th  
day of September in the year of our  
Lord 2013 and of the Independence  
of the United States 237.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael R. Pence", is written over a horizontal line.